

WALKER AND SCOTCHBORN

Health Officer McKagen Furnishes Official Record for Information of Public and to Stop Exaggerated and False Reports.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. J. E. Walker and family are spending sometime in Saluda, N. C.

Mr. W. H. Yates has returned from Columbia, where she spent several weeks.

Mrs. F. E. Holliday, who has been visiting in Summerton, has returned home.

Mr. E. W. Dabbs was in town today.

Master J. O. Barwick, Jr., who has been visiting relatives in Chester, has returned home.

Mr. C. W. McGrew and children have returned from a pleasant visit to Sullivan's Island and Charleston.

Mr. Jessie Sprott, State president of the South Carolina Woman's Christian Temperance union, spent Friday in the city, making plans for the State convention which meets here the last of September.

Miss Emma Beach and Isabel Frazier, who have been visiting relatives and friends here, left this morning for their home in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Geo. W. Hutcheson was called to Sylvia, W. Va., on account of the illness and death of his father, Mr. J. H. Hutcheson. Mr. Hutcheson made his home here with his son for several years. Their many friends here will be very sorry to hear of his death.

Rev. John A. Brunson, pastor of Grace Baptist church, has gone to Cambridge, S. C., to spend his vacation and will be away from the city until September 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Aho Eytzenberg have returned from Atlantic City, where they spent several weeks.

Mr. T. O. Sanders, of Allendale, who has been visiting at his old home at Hagood, spent the day in town. Mr. Sanders says that the watermelon growers of Allendale had an exceptionally good season and that many of them made big profits.

Mr. L. McLeod and Miss Margaret McLeod are on a trip to New York.

Emma Frieragen is spending the week-end on Sullivan's Island and will be home to her home, "Cherry Hill," at Hialeah, for a visit of a fortnight on the Sunday State.

Miss Mary Pitts of Sumter, formerly of this city, is guest of Miss Margaret Bryan on Sumter street. Misses Margaret and Bryan are spending today at Sullivan's Island.—The Sunday State.

Mr. J. J. Epperson has returned from Asheville Springs after a stay of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Walker have gone to Wellston, Ohio, to spend a month.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McKnight have gone to Rhythwood for a stay of two weeks.

Miss Willie Davis and her little brother, Clarence, have returned to their home in Mullins, after spending several weeks with their grandmother, Mrs. Lide, and their aunt, Mrs. E. Boney.

Mr. Carson G. Jenkins, of Sumter, has accepted a position as clerk at the popular Central Hotel, Charlotte, N. C., where he will be glad to see all of his friends when in Charlotte.

Superior P. M. Pitts is out and attending to his duties after an illness of ten days.

Mrs. Maggie Carr, of Columbia is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Chandler.

Miss Marian W. Quattlebaum, of Winthrop College, and Mr. Marion W. Edwards, of Batesburg, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Cuttino on Church street.

Miss Cora Duffie is visiting Misses Law and Boyd in Rock Hill.

Miss Ruth Brown is one of a house party given by Miss Rice at Union.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Barnum and children, who have been visiting relatives at their former home at Buffalo, N. Y., have returned to the city, after being away for several months. Miss Alpha Barnum, who has been taking a course in Atlanta preparatory to becoming a trained nurse is also with her parents.

Mrs. W. N. Hammett of Bishopville is spending some time in this city in order to be near her daughter, Miss Marie Hammett, who is at present quite sick in the Tuomey Hospital.

SUMTER HEALTH CONDITIONS.

Health Officer McKagen states that he is in daily receipt of inquiries concerning the health conditions of Sumter and is constantly being told of the preposterously exaggerated reports that are in circulation in neighboring towns and counties. He says that he has been asked if it is true that there have been between three and four hundred cases of fever in Sumter this summer; if it is true that there are a number of cases of infantile paralysis in Sumter; if it is true that there are also scarlet fever and diphtheria in Sumter. He is in a position to disprove all of these unfounded reports from the official records and has done so by citing the facts to those who inquire.

It is true that there have been more cases of fever this year than in any other year recently, but there has never been at any time conditions approaching an epidemic. There has not been a case of infantile paralysis, nor is there any scarlet fever or diphtheria in the city at this time nor has there been in recent months.

At the request of Health Officer McKagen the following official report is printed for the information of the public, and in the hope that it will put an end to the circulation of false and exaggerated reports:

Report of typhoid fever cases as reported from January 1, 1916 to August 11, 1916.

January, 1916, 2 cases.

March, 1916, 2 cases.

April, 1916, 3 cases.

May, 1916, 12 cases.

June, 1916, 21 cases.

July, 1916, 3 cases.

August 11, 1916, 1 case.

No cases of infantile paralysis have been reported from the county or city up to August 11, 1916.

W. J. McKAGEN,
Health Officer.

THE FIRST BALE OF COTTON.

From The Daily Item, Aug. 12.

Mr. W. G. Pierson, of the Tindal section of this county today sold the first bale of new cotton on the Sumter market. The bale weighed 400 pounds and was graded as middling. It was bought by Levi Bros. at fifteen cents a pound.

Zach E. Walker Dead.

From The Daily Item, Aug. 12.

Zach E. Walker, one of the most prominent and most successful negroes of this section of the State, died at his home on Council street last night after a long illness. He was stricken with paralysis several years ago and had been unable to move since. He was, unexpectedly, however, as his condition had not been apparently any worse recently than for several months. Walker was for many years engaged in the general merchandise business and had acquired considerable property, both in town and country, and was best rated financially of the negroes of Sumter county. He was at one time quite active in politics and years ago was regarded as the political leader of the negroes in this county. Before the adoption of the municipal Democratic primary in Sumter the negroes held the balance of power in the city elections and Walker, under these conditions was several times given a place on the municipal ticket and was elected as a warden for two or more terms. In recent years he has not been active in politics and has given his whole attention to the management of his property.

Baker School Meeting.

There has just closed at the Baker school house a delightful series of meetings. Rev. McCord of the Manning Presbyterian church has been preaching for us for the past four days. Those who heard him realized what a splendid, forceful speaker he is. He seems clearly to have thought out the great central truths of the Bible, and to have lived them so that they have become his own, and he finds no difficulty in giving them to others in a clear, concise way so that the youngest child may understand and be impressed by them. We feel that a real spiritual blessing has been showered upon our neighborhood and that for many years we may feel the impress of it.

At the close of the meeting about twenty-five united with the Mayesville Presbyterian church with the understanding that, if, in the near future, we should have an organization of our own their membership shall be transferred. Our only regret is that we could not have had Mr. McCord among us longer, for he completely won the hearts of his hearers, and their prayers will follow him in his work.

Mr. Carlisle Herbert, of Sumter, and Miss Frances Herbert, of Lynchburg, are in the city on a visit to their parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. I. Herbert.—Greenwood Index.

MEDIATION OR ARBITRATION.

Railroad President Discusses Several Phases of the Railway Strike Situation.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 11.—Mr. Chas. A. Wickersham, president and general manager, Atlanta & West Point Railroad company and the Western Railway of Alabama, and general manager of the Georgia railroad gave out the following statement as to just what is the effect of the acceptance by the managers and the Brotherhood chiefs of the good offices of the federal board of mediators:

There seems to be some confusion in the public mind as to the differences between mediation and arbitration, and perhaps a word of explanation might be of some interest to your readers.

First, note the following definitions:

Mediate: To interpose between two parties in order to harmonize or reconcile them; act as a mutual agent or friend; serving as or being a means or medium; acting more or less as an intervening agency; indirect; secondary.

Arbitrate: To act or give judgment; fix; determine.

There is no federal law requiring arbitration, but there is a board of mediation, whose power is limited to the exercise of friendly good office between employers and employees; but, even with this limited scope, they have accomplished a great deal of good in cases where there is a real condition of misunderstanding or misconception of each other by the parties in controversy, and especially, where anger and passion may have clouded or warped the cool sober judgment of either or all parties to a threatened or actual strike.

The Dominion of Canada has a law which, not only antedates ours by several years, but is more far-reaching and has proven very satisfactory to both employers and employees. Under their law, a board is created to investigate any such controversies as may arise, and the parties thereto are forbidden to take any definite action; i. e., the employee must not strike and the employer must not institute a lock out, until the board has an opportunity to investigate, the period of truce, as I recall it, without having a copy of the Canadian act before me, being limited to thirty days.

During the truce period the board investigates carefully, listens to the arguments of both sides and endeavors to mediate the difficulty in much the same way as do our federal mediators, but, failing to reconcile the contentions, or to negotiate an agreement for an arbitration, it then becomes the duty of the Canadian board to make public its findings and conclusions as to the merits of the controversy, thus placing the whole question clearly before the bar of public opinion, which is the court of last resort, and by which the final outcome is really determined in any Republican form of government.

In the present case, the highest paid group of railway employees of the country, who have repeatedly received increases in the last several years, and who constitute only 18 per cent. of the total number of employees, draw 28 per cent. of the total payroll, are demanding ten hours pay for eight hours work, with time and a half for the ninth and tenth hours, which would involve an increase of about 33 per cent. amounting to \$100,000,000.00 per annum for the whole country.

There is no question about the power of this federated group of train and engine men to paralyze the commercial intercourse of this country, though some systems may be able to operate their own lines with a fair degree of success.

The managers of the railways have taken the very reasonable position that the revenues of the railways are inadequate to meet this demand, not to mention the fact that eighty per cent. of their employees who draw only seventy-two per cent. of the payroll are also entitled to consideration; and now that the Interstate Commerce Commission fixes the rates to be charged by the railways in order to earn a reasonable return, they could hardly justify themselves in asking that rates be increased five per cent. in order to make such enormous wage increases to men already so highly paid that their net income is greater than that of the average business or professional man.

Therefore the managers deem it highly imperative that if any increases are to be made, that the responsibility for same be placed in the hands of some tribunal representing the public interest.

The men, however, decline to submit the decision of their claims to any one; they insist upon being the plaintiff, the judge and the jury, and insist that the managers shall accede to the demands they themselves lay down without opportunity for any decision of the matter by the Interstate Commerce Commission, a board of arbitration, or any authority outside of themselves.

In the public and newspaper comment upon the acceptance of mediation, the public seems to think this is the

same thing as arbitration. Unfortunately, such as not the case, as the Brotherhood leaders point out in interviews printed, in which they explain that they accepted mediation as a matter of courtesy, and declare emphatically that there shall be no arbitration.

John G. Gibson Dead.

Bishopville, Aug. 12.—John G. Gibson, a well known and highly respected citizen, died at his home near Bishopville yesterday afternoon. He was 72 years old and a Confederate veteran. The remains were buried at the old family burying ground today at eleven o'clock.

No. 666 will cure Malaria or Billous Fever. It kills the germs.—Adv.

Candidate's Cards.

Announcements of candidates will be printed in this column until the close of the campaign for \$5. No cards accepted on credit.

For Congress.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the 7th Congressional District and pledge myself to abide by the rules of the primary.

A. F. LEVER.

For House of Representatives.

I am a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives from Sumter county, subject to the rules governing the Democratic primary.

A. K. SANDERS.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

DAVIS D. MOISE.

For Magistrate.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of Magistrate in the Fourth Magisterial District (Private) of Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

S. B. KOLB.

At the request of my friends I announce myself as a candidate for the 7th Magisterial District, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. I am in the race to a finish if I don't get but one vote.

T. P. SANDERS, JR.

Death.

Mrs. Mary Seymour, widow of the late Hiram Seymour died on Friday, August 11th, at the home of her son, Mr. Scott Seymour, in the Lewis Chapel neighborhood of Concord township, at the advanced age of 91 years. Mrs. Seymour was a daughter of the late Jesse Baker and sister of the late John J. and Mr. Alpheus Baker, the latter of whom is still living with his son, Mr. L. L. Baker at Bishopville, although older than his sister. Mrs. Seymour was a native of Sumter county and spent her long life in the same neighborhood. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. M. E. Boswell of Brogdon, A. O. Seymour, Denmark; L. T. Seymour, Manning, and W. G. S. Seymour, Brogdon. She was laid to rest in the family cemetery near her home. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. W. D. Spinks, six of her grandsons acting as pall bearers. She was a member of the Graham Baptist church.

New Enterprise.

The Palmetto Fire Insurance company of Sumter has applied to the secretary of State for an increase in its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

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